Take Our Kids to Work Day

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More than 8,000 Grade 9 students from nearly 100 schools across Nova Scotia are participating in Take Our Kids to Work Day on Wednesday, Nov. 1. They will be welcomed by more than 7,000 workplace sites around the province.

The Take Our Kids to Work program gives students an opportunity to learn about their parents' world of work and explore the link between school and careers.

"Our Grade 9 students are finding out about career choices first-hand," said Education Minister Jane Purves. "It's a great opportunity for students to understand the practical side of what they've learned in school."

Take Our Kids to Work encourages students to gather information through questioning and interviewing. It stimulates students to begin to develop plans for their future and to be aware of the kinds of preparation required for various careers.

Ms. Purves said that the program is ideal for students since the provincial curriculum includes career education at the Grade 9 level. Grade 9 students make course selections for the following year that could have an impact on their futures.

"This is a chance for students to explore work in a meaningful way," said Ms. Purves. "They can ask themselves critical questions as they make decisions about the courses they'll take in the following year."

As the program's provincial sponsor, the Department of Education co-ordinates school participation and provides training and resources. Teachers spend considerable time in the classroom prior to the day, preparing the students and helping them make the most of it. The experience continues the day after, as students are encouraged to assess and reflect, as part of an educational unit on careers.

Take our Kids to Work has been a national program since 1998.

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Wednesday, November first.

Students are going into the workplace with their parents or volunteer hosts to gather information and develop plans for their own future careers.

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Nearly one-hundred schools and seven-thousand workplace sites around Nova Scotia are participating this year.

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